NO DOUBLE STANDARD

Gays ask only for rights everyone else enjoys

"GT" 2/24/05

Why do some people in Colorado Springs insist on using the phrase "special rights" when talking about gay and lesbian people? Carol Mark gets whatever rights are available, simply because of the way she was born ("City benefits for gay partners would create special class," Letters, Feb. 20). To get those same rights, gays are told they would be getting special rights simply because of the way they were born.

Special laws have been created to prevent equal citizens from forming a sort of union to avail themselves of specific rights granted to everyone else. Anyone with an ounce of deductive reasoning can see the illogic in that sort of situation.

It is the Carol Marks of the world who have prevented gay people from attaining the same rights as the rest of us, and then they complain when our gay neighbors just want equality. The simple and fair answer is to create a legal solution that would give everyone the same rights. Call it marriage, call it a legal union, call it whatever you want, but leave out the exclusions.

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Woodland Park

The higher the number, the greater need for skin and eye protection.

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26 Good

Unavailable

12 Good

; **51 to 100** moderate; **101-199** y unhealthy; **300** or higher is

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DE YESTERDAY
5 Lamar
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5 Arlington, Texas
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THE NATION

City	Today hi/lo/wx	Tomorrow hi/lo/wx
Albany	35/21/sn	30/10/sn
Albuquerque	56/36/sh	49/33/sh
Amarillo	58/34/sh	39/26/rs
Anchorage	34/25/sn	34/27/sn
Atlanta	69/46/pc	60/38/pc
Atlantic City	46/29/pc	44/23/pc
Austin	73/57/t	63/44/t
Baltimore	49/33/pc	45/25/pc
Billings	40/21/pc	49/30/s
Birmingham	70/46/t	57/39/t
Bismarck	28/0/pc	35/6/pc
Boise	49/30/pc	51/31/s
Boston	35/30/c	38/19/c
Buffalo	34/24/sn	28/15/sn
Casper	39/16/pc	42/21/pc
Christon., SC	72/52/pc	63/43/sh
Christon., WV	53/34/pc	42/24/sn
Charlotte	69/45/pc	60/37/pc
Chattanooga	64/41/pc	58/35/c
Cheyenne	35/19/c	40/22/pc
Chicago	36/21/sf	35/19/s
Cincinnati	49/27/c	42/22/pc
Cleveland	36/25/sn	34/17/sf
Columbia, SC	73/48/pc	63/38/pc
Columbus, GA	73/54/t	64/44/sh
Columbus, OH	43/26/c	39/20/c
Dallas	69/52/t	56/39/t
Daytona Bch.	78/58/pc	75/60/pc
Des Moines	38/16/sn	37/17/pc
Detroit	35/20/sn	32/17/pc
Duluth	22/3/sn	22/5/pc
El Paso	68/43/pc	64/39/sh

City	Today hi/lo/wx
Evansville	52/32/pc
Fairbanks	22/0/sn
Fargo	18/-4/pc
Flagstaff	38/29/rs
Fresno, CA	62/45/sh
Goodland, KS	38/22/rs
Great Falls, MT	42/18/s
Green Bay	27/9/sn
Hartford	36/25/c
Helena	39/18/s
Honolulu	80/65/pc
Houston	74/63/t
Indianapolis	43/27/c
Jacksonville	79/57/pc
Kansas City	47/26/sh
Knoxville	60/38/pc
Las Vegas	57/43/sh
Little Rock	64/42/pc
Los Angeles	60/50/sh
Louisville	52/31/pc
Memphis	61/42/pc
Miami	79/65/pc
Milwaukee	30/19/sn
Minneapolis	28/10/sn
Monterey	63/46/pc
Nashville	58/37/pc
New Orleans	75/60/t
New York	42/32/c
Newark	42/31/c
Norfolk	50/37/pc
N. Platte, NE	38/16/pc
Okla. City	59/38/sh